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Around The Army

Fort Knox:

The Turret reported Feb. 23 that a Sailor who retired 24 years ago is back with the military. Woodrow Wilson Smith reportedly wanted to go back to work and to help veterans. So, the 88-year-old retiree drives from Louisville, Ky., to his new job at the Fort Knox Veteran Service Office, where he volunteers three days a week.

Smith served during WWII, the Korean conflict, and patrolled the Rhine River in Germany in 1953 and 1954. Smith was aboard the U.S.S. Missouri in Tokyo Bay on Sept. 2, 1945, when Gen. Douglas MacArthur accepted the unconditional surrender of Japan, which brought an end to WWII.

For more on this story and other Fort Knox news, visit www.thenevcenterprise.com on the Web.

Fort Myer:

The Pentagonarm News reported Feb. 18 that the post commander's coin was making an "armored" statement.

Fort Myer Military Community Commander Col. Thomas Allmon asked that his new military coin come shaped like a sprocket. The sprockets on an armored track vehicle are four geared wheels that engage the track and force it along. A tank has many more ground wheels that move, but only because the track is moving.

Allmon comes from the armor branch and is, in fact, the first armor commander of Fort Myer since the 1960s.

"Besides the engine, the most important thing moving a tank is the sprocket. An armor officer knows if you shear a sprocket, you are immobile. A tank that is immobile is a pillbox," he said.

For more on this story and other Fort Myer news, visit www.dcmilitary.com/army/pentagram on the Web.

Fort Gordon:

The Signal reported Feb. 18 that a new cell phone policy was being enforced on post. Since Jan. 1, eight service members ranging in grade from lower enlisted to field grade officers have been cited for violating the post's policy prohibiting use of a cell phone while driving.

Civilians who are ticketed could face a \$50 fine. Military members cited must attend a traffic court on post.

For more on this story and other Fort Gordon news, visit www.gordon.army.mil/pao/Signal on the Web.

Fort Belvoir:

The Eagle reported Feb. 17 that the first black post command sergeant major to serve at Fort Belvoir still walks with a straight back and twinkle in his eye even though he retired from active duty almost 40 years ago. Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Ervin Salley recalls a lot of loyalty, esprit de corps and dedication to duty.

For more on this story and other Fort Belvoir news, visit www.belvoirreagle.com on the Web.

Tracking elk

Researchers collar animals for study

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

A team of biologists went elk hunting on Fort Riley Feb. 4 and 5. Their mission: to dress 19 elk with data-gathering collars.

Using combined air and ground operations, the biologists located elk and shot them with a tranquilizer rifle. The hunters collected blood samples and described the body condition of each animal. Each elk was then fitted with a collar that will allow biologists to track its movements for about seven months.

This is not the first time Fort Riley elk have been tracked. In October 2003, biologists placed collars on 16 elk.

They followed their movements for about a year using a telemetry (radio-controlled) system that gave limited data. This year, the elk are being outfitted with GPS (Global Positioning System) collars that will enable better tracking and pinpoint data.

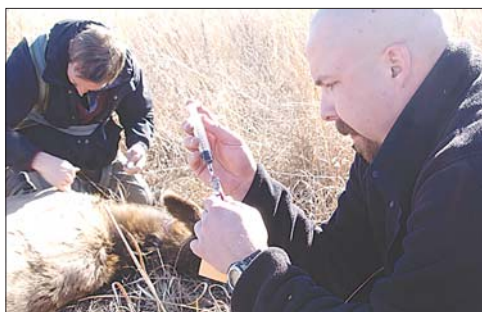
"The GPS (collars) are amazing. They'll enable us to get locations at night, and if they move into the impact zone and locations when training is on," said Jonathan Conard, a graduate student at Kansas State University who will be tracking the animals' movements. "We should be able to get a lot more info and more accurate data."

The data will be crucial in tracking herd movements, habitat and food preferences, how military training affects the herd and calving preferences.

"One thing we're concerned about is the reproductive success of the herd. Last year, when we were out, we didn't see any calves. This year we hope to follow cows and calves better," said Alan Hynek, mission wildlife administrator at Fort Riley. "We're also trying to look for certain



Post/Blackmon
Kansas State University graduate student Jonathan Conard (left) and New Mexico State University researcher Louis Bender place a collar on a tranquilized cow.



Post/Blackmon
Steve Wahle, Fort Riley Directorate of Environment and Safety fish and wildlife biological technician (right), helps Louis Bender with a cow's blood sample. Bender is the acting unit leader with the Wildlife, New Mexico Cooperative Research Unit at the University of New Mexico-Las Cruces.



Post/Blackmon
Kansas State University graduate student Brian Flock tries to locate previously tagged elk using the old telemetry system.

Brigade wears ACUs to Iraq

Pfc. James Tamez
24th Inf. Div. (Mech)

Soldiers bound for Iraq walked into the warehouse wearing the Army Physical Fitness Uniform. They walked out wearing or carrying some of the newest and most advanced individual combat equipment in the Army.

Soldiers of the 48th Brigade Combat Team, 24th Infantry Division (Mech), received the new Army Combat Uniform and tactical gear at Fort Stewart, Ga., Feb. 8, in preparation for their upcoming deployment to Iraq.

"This uniform is the most combat friendly that I have ever worn," said Brig. Gen. Stewart Rodeheaver, commanding general, 48th BCT. "It is fitted and has extra vents so that Soldiers can move in them and not bind."

Rodeheaver recalls wearing six different combat uniforms since he began his Army career. In his opinion, the ACU is the most Sol-

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Close combat badge coming

Non-infantry troops eligible for recognition of battle mission

By Eric Cramer
Army News Service

A new badge recognizing troops who have been in combat will debut in March, Lt. Gen. F.L. Hagenbeck, Army deputy chief of staff, G1, said recently.

The Close Combat Badge will recognize specific Armor, Cavalry, Field Artillery and Combat Engineer Soldiers, colonel and below, serving as infantry in units purposefully reorganized to routinely conduct infantry-unique close combat missions and personally present and under fire while conducting those types of missions.

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Soldiers practice slinging

Battalion hones aerial supply procedures

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

When supplies can't be moved forward by land, Soldiers of the 101st Forward Support Battalion call in helicopter support to move them by air.

They haven't had to do that in Iraq yet, said Maj. Steve Allen,

the battalion's executive officer, but they might have to sometime in the future.

Allen estimated the last time the battalion trained in sling load operations was in May 2003.

To refresh their sling load skills, the battalion called on helicopters of the Kansas Army National Guard's Company A, 1st

Battalion, 108th Aviation, based in Topeka and the Army Aviation Support Facility No. 2 based in Salina to help them train Feb. 11 in helicopter sling load operations.

The supply Soldiers spent 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Marshall Army

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An observer checks Soldiers of 101st FSB climbing on top of a load of repair parts they will hook up to a Black Hawk helicopter during sling load training Feb. 11 101st FSB/Taylor





Post news in brief

Training offered security heads

The Security Division, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, will sponsor a two-day S2 and Security Managers Course from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. May 9 and 10 in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center classroom in Building 319. The course is for unit S2s and all security managers. For more information or to register, call Jerry Donker at 239-6322.

Hospital adds advice line

Irwin Army Community Hospital plans to add a Nurse Advice Line as a service to Fort Riley Soldiers and families. Beginning March 8, Soldiers and family members can call for advice or health information by dialing 239-DOCS (3627) or toll free (888) 239-DOCS (3627). Callers should follow the automated instructions to connect to an Advice Nurse.

The Nurse Advice Line will be available 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends and holidays.

The Advice Nurse can help with determining when the caller needs to be seen by a physician, medication use and side effects, symptom management and information about medical procedures and diseases, among other things. Questions regarding concerns during pregnancy will be directed to an Advice Nurse in the obstetrics clinic.

Parks offer free admission

Anheuser-Busch Company, Inc. announced its "Heroes Salute" to honor the U.S. Armed Services by offering free single-day admission to its SeaWorld and Busch Gardens parks to active duty military, active reservists, U.S. Coast Guard, National Guardsmen and up to three dependents now through Dec. 31.

Members must register online at www.herosalute.com or show a Department of Defense photo ID at park entrance plazas.

Dependents may visit parks without their servicemember present, but an adult must accompany minor dependents.

For more information, visit <http://www.anheuser-busch.com>.

Channel 2 adds Pentagon news

On-post cable television service has expanded military news and information programming. Effective immediately, the Pentagon channel has been added to programming on post and the schedule Monday through Friday schedule is:

9 a.m. to noon - The Pentagon Channel

Noon to 12:23 p.m. - In Step with Fort Riley

12:22 to 2 p.m. - Post information, announcements

2 to 4:30 p.m. - The Pentagon Channel

4:30 to 6 p.m. - Post information, announcements

6 to 6:23 p.m. - In Step with Fort Riley

6:3 to 8 p.m. - Post information, announcements

8 to 8:23 p.m. - In Step with Fort Riley

8:23 to 10 p.m. - Post information, announcements

10 to 10:23 p.m. - In Step with Fort Riley

10:23 p.m. to 9 a.m. - Post information, announcements

The Saturday and Sunday schedule is:

8 to 8:23 a.m. - In Step with Fort Riley

8:23 a.m. to noon - Post information, announcements

Noon to 12:23 p.m. - In Step with Fort Riley

12:23 to 6 p.m. - Post information, announcements

6 to 6:23 p.m. - In Step with Fort Riley

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Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Mann (left), Co. C, 1st Bn., 121st Inf., receives his Army Combat Uniform from Staff Sgt. Raymond Pierce, Co. C, 648th Eng. Bn. Both noncommissioned officers are part of the 48th Brigade Combat Team, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech), the first brigade to receive the new ACUs.



Staff Sgt. Brian Cagle (left), Co. C, 1st Bn., 121st Inf., discusses the fit of the Interceptor Body Armor with Jay Kicklighter, who works at the Fort Stewart, Va., Central Issue Facility.

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dier friendly combat uniform to date.

Significant changes in design were made to the ACUs from the boots to the helmet, said Spc. Tracy Windley of the 248th Military Intelligence Company.

More pockets were added to the ACU trousers and the hip pockets were designed to hold more, he said. Also, a drawstring and clip were added to the hip pockets to provide more security for stored items. Velcro strips replaced pocket buttons.

The lower pockets of the ACU blouse were removed and placed on the sleeves, allowing easier access and storage of needed items while the Interceptor Body Armor is being worn, Windley said. The top two pockets have been angled inward, providing easier access and better security for the pockets.

Velcro strips have replaced buttons on the cuffs of the ACU blouses. The center buttons were replaced by a plastic zipper and Velcro strips.

The mandarin-style collar has been specially designed to encir-

cle the neck and provide a seal to the top of the uniform when raised.

The new patrol caps have a Velcro strip across the back for a name tape and have a pocket on the inside for extra storage.

"The new uniforms are great," said Capt. Andrew Lane of 1st Battalion, 118th Field Artillery. "It will be lower cost to the Soldiers, so I'm all for it."

Some costs of maintaining the uniform have been removed, he said, such as boot polish and sewing costs for patches and name tags.

Perhaps one of the most noticeable changes is the Velcro tabs added to the sleeves and above the breast pockets.

The Velcro tabs allow Soldiers to easily add and remove unit insignia, name tapes and the reverse-side full-color U.S. flag. Permanent infrared feedback squares on each shoulder and a removable IR feedback American flag for nighttime identification also are part of the new ACUs.

Windley said the 48th BCT Soldiers were issued a variety of

new equipment in addition to the ACUs.

The Soldiers received the new, lighter Kevlar helmets equipped with gel inserts and a neck supporter for better comfort, cold weather gear, special wrap-around goggles for use in a desert environment and new gloves for desert combat use.

Soldiers also received Desert Combat Uniform flack vests and body armor.

"I love the new [gear]. The CIF issue has really been a shopping spree," Windley said.

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Post news in brief

Mental health care available

TRICARE beneficiaries who need assistance with depression, stress-related illness, chemical dependency, alcohol abuse problems or other related issues should know that TRICARE offers a wide range of mental health care services.

All TRICARE beneficiaries are encouraged to receive care from their military treatment facility, when available. If services are not available at the local MTF, beneficiaries may seek care from a TRICARE-authorized behavioral health provider.

Active duty servicemembers must go to an MTF or their unit health care provider when seeking non-emergency mental health care if assigned to a U.S. military installation. If enrolled in TRICARE Prime Remote, they must obtain authorization from the Military Medical Support Office at (888) 647-6676 before receiving any non-emergency mental health services.

For more information, visit www.tricare.osd.mil/news/2005/news0501.cfm on the Web.

Toastmasters seek members

O'Bill's Toastmasters Club is seeking members from the Fort Riley community and the Junction City area.

It is a non-profit, mutual support and leadership building organization that promotes a positive learning environment. This new club will be a part of Toastmasters International.

For more information about O'Bill's meeting times and locations in local area, call Jim Hill at 761-1130. For more information about Toastmasters International, visit www.toastmasters.org on the Web.

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Top enlisted advisors testify on Hill

Sergeant major of the Army urges sub-committee to take care of families

By Reebea Critser

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — While Army generals testified on the progress of the Global War on Terrorism last week, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston was fighting for Soldiers on another front — their quality of life.

"We recruit Soldiers and retain families," Preston said during opening statements to members of the Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs Feb. 16 on Capitol Hill.

"Our servicemen and women are at the forefront of change and this subcommittee can help them," said New York Rep. James Walsh, chairman of the Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs, in his opening statement.

"If we do our jobs and take our responsibility seriously and make sure our people are taken care of, our people will do better jobs," he said.

The subcommittee members questioned Preston and the other three senior enlisted leaders, Sgt. Maj. of the Marine Corps John L. Estrada, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Terry Scott and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray, on various issues. The general consensus was childcare and housing were immediate issues to address in the military.

All the leaders reported thousands in their branches waiting to receive on-post childcare.

"It's a huge challenge," Preston said. "The demographics show most spouses in the Army work. And, with both parents working, the need is high for childcare."

With housing, Preston said even with the basic allowance for housing increase, the Army is seeing more of an increase in Soldiers living on posts thanks to privatization.

One subcommittee member asked about deployments.

"There is tension about back-to-back deployments and nine-month dwell time before returning to the desert," Preston said. "Transformation will help bring



ANS/Critser
New York Rep. James Walsh, chairman of the Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs, gives his opening remarks to the highest ranking enlisted man of each branch before hearing their testimonies on Capitol Hill.

stability and predictability to Soldiers and their families. We're working to get the ideal times at one to two years dwell time for active duty and five to six years dwell time for the Reserve component."

The leaders also were asked about their recruiting and retention figures.

For the Army, all figures are currently met except for National Guard recruiting. Preston said many of the Reserve component's recruiting numbers are gained with active duty Soldiers getting out. But because of the war and stop loss, the National Guard is challenged meeting its requirement.

"Recruiters have a tough job," Preston said. "I met a staff sergeant, a recruiter, who had recruits to ship out one day and one of them called to say he couldn't go because his mother threatened to commit suicide if he went. Another recruit's father called to say he didn't have the money for gas to bring his son up

to the station. The recruiter paid for the gas out of pocket."

Another topic brought up was the Department of Defense school system.

"I have children attending DoD schools and we love it because of its consistency, stability of curriculum and performance," Scott said.

Preston said transformation is a positive effect for children in schools because the family will be in the area longer. He said because of the stability transformation will bring, it will be easier for high school students to compete for scholarships in public schools.

Health care for the Reserve component was also a concern discussed.

"While Guard and Reserve Soldiers are on active duty, they're getting the same treatment as active duty," Preston said.

He said Reserve component

Soldiers and their families are eligible to use TRICARE 90 days before and 180 days after deployment. Preston also said the Army is working on making the timeframe longer with use of premiums.

One subcommittee member wanted to know if the weight requirements to ship household goods should change.

"Between 60 to 70 percent of Sailors said they have sold, left behind or gave away their household goods to meet the weight requirement," Scott said.

"For an overseas assignment we expect the Sailor, once they arrive, to go to work immediately; but their POV (privately owned vehicle) won't show up for another 90 to 120 days. So they have to pay for a taxi and make their car payments. Sometimes, they have to get rid of their second vehicle to take an assignment in Hawaii or Alaska," he said.

Estrada added he would like to see a change in the policies of damaged goods.

"The servicemember should receive the full value of goods damaged in a move, not just a percentage because some things are irreplaceable," he said.

The recent law on the added servicemembers group life insurance and death gratuity was brought to the table.

"I support it but not the specific area," Murray said. "I think it should be across the board to include all locations, even training bases. Some training exercises are dangerous."

Other topics of discussions with the subcommittee were increasing educational benefits and compensating servicemembers for skills lucrative in the civilian job market.

Staff Sgt. Reebea Critser writes for the Office of the Chief of Public Affairs.

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Post news in brief

Dirt bike, ATV classes offered

The Installation Safety Office has begun to offer a Dirt Bike RiderCourse and an All-Terrain Vehicle Training RiderCourse. The hands-on, half-day Dirt Bike and/or ATV RiderCourse is conducted by licensed Dirt Bike and All-Terrain Safety Institute Instructors.

The course offers students an opportunity to practice basic safety techniques with hands-on exercises covering starting and stopping, turning gradually and quickly, negotiating hills, emergency stopping and swerving, and riding over obstacles. Particular emphasis is placed on the safety implications relating to each lesson.

The course also covers protective gear, environmental concerns and local laws. Participants receive the Dirt Bike or ATV RiderCourse Handbook that reinforces safety information and riding techniques covered during the training.

The courses are offered to military members only. For enrollment, contact the unit schools noncommissioned officer, safety officer or safety noncommissioned officer for coordination.

By James Tamez

24th Inf. Div. (Mech)

For some Soldiers, their primary mission is to prepare other Soldiers for deployment by ensuring all necessary arms and equipment are available and usable when needed.

Members of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) G4 section is providing this support for the Georgia Army National Guard's 48th Brigade Combat Team at Fort Stewart, Ga., as the Soldiers of the 48th prepare to deploy to Iraq later this year in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"G4 provides logistics, maintenance, food service and some contracting and tracks budgetary needs, contracts and transportation requirements for the deployment of the 48th BCT," said Capt. Chad Mitchell, deputy G4 forward, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech.). "We also oversee the up-arming of High-Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles and five-ton trucks."

Up-arming is an upgrade for the "Humvees" and trucks. It comes in add-on armor kits and is installed on existing vehicles to increase their durability, making them less susceptible to rocket-propelled grenades and improvised explosive devices.

"The G4's responsibility is to make sure the 48th BCT is fully equipped, maintained and ready for any and all deployments," said Master Sgt. Vernon Yates, G4 operations noncommissioned officer,



cer, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech). "My main responsibility with G4 is operations and streamlining information needs."

Yates said the streamlining of information makes it easier for the flow of information to make it to higher headquarters quickly. This allows for quick turnaround of needed materials and easier coordination with all the units and agencies assisting in the 48th BCT's mobilization.

In order to accomplish this mission, Mitchell explained it is necessary to work with many different units.

"It is important for us to be able

to coordinate with 1st Army and U.S. Army Forces Command so that we can see the distribution of equipment, where it is coming from, how much equipment there is and how we are getting it," Mitchell said. "We also coordinate with the Department of Labor on maintenance and add-on armor, equipment and logistics, Central Issuing Facility, uniforms, weapons and all other needed equipment and validate the equipment that is deploying with the 48th BCT."

Chief Warrant Officer Glen Schmeck, G4 support unit automotive technician, 24th Inf. Div.

(Mech), provided an example of this coordination:

"One civilian contractor has been hired to install Blue Force Trackers (a system designed to identify and track friendly ground and air units, making it easier to identify friendly forces during engagements), another to verify personnel heaters (for the Bradley Fighting Vehicles) and another has been hired to provide and install add-on armor for the vehicles. Meanwhile, the 48th BCT is trying to maintain the property and track all of these elements," Schmeck said. With the 24th Inf. Div. (Mech) acting as the higher

Capt. Chad Mitchell (right), deputy G4 forward, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech), reviews the placement of new armor plating in the cab of a 48th BCT five-ton truck as Tim O'Connell, technical representative contracted to the director of logistics, explains how the armor is installed.

24th Inf. Div. (Mech) Tamez

headquarters, the 48th BCT is able to concentrate on their training, he said.

The G4's responsibilities go beyond coordination. Schmeck said maintenance is vital to the success of the mission.

"This is one of the largest, if not the most significant job, within G4," he said. "We can train Soldiers to zero and shoot a weapon, but if they don't maintain that weapon, then it will not perform for them when they need it."

"The same thing pertains to their vehicles, tools, radios and other equipment. Everything we do is maintenance. We want to give the 48th BCT the best available equipment and a mentality to perform maintenance after they've deployed," he said.

Schmeck and Mitchell have strong feelings about being at Fort Stewart, Ga., where the 48th BCT is training for its upcoming deployment to Iraq. They believe that what they are doing is not just important, but is an obligation from one Soldier to another.

"The most important thing is that we are here saving Soldiers' lives," Schmeck said. "The reality is there is a broader picture here. The Army is one team, one fight. We are all in this together."

Soldiers in the 24th Inf. Div. (Mech) G4 are on temporary duty assignment at Fort Stewart and came from Fort Riley and Fort Jackson, S.C. They began arriving at Fort Stewart in December 2004 and will remain with the 48th BCT throughout its train-up period.

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Post/Baker

Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general of the 24th Inf. Div. (Mech) and Fort Riley bids 300th MP Co. Soldiers farewell and wishes them a safe return from their deployment to Iraq during a ceremony in their honor Feb. 15 on Cavalry Parade Field.

Military Police platoon deploys to Iraq

By Jay Baker

Public affairs intern

Friends and family of Soldiers in the 300th Military Police Company withstood the cold windy air blowing across Cavalry Parade Field Feb. 15 to

offer a formal goodbye to 3rd Platoon.

About 40 Soldiers of the 300th MP Co., 924th MP Battalion, joined Soldiers from Fort Carson's 59th MP Co., making that unit complete and ready to go to Iraq.

The Soldiers' mission is area

security, police intelligence, law and order operations, internment and resettlement operations and mobile support.

This rotation could last up to a year and is the second time for most of the Soldiers going, said 1st Lt. Taran Myrick, 3rd Platoon leader.

First Army gathers ideas from IED training experts

By Karen Bradshaw

First U.S. Army

The Improvised Explosive Device, or IED, is the single biggest problem for U.S. troops and convoys in Iraq, in the opinion of many high-placed Army leaders.

Priority One for First Army is to train all deploying Soldiers how to detect, deter, prevent, defeat and respond to IEDs.

To that end, First Army Commander Lt. Gen. Russel Honoré and his IED Tiger Team recently hosted 51 expert trainers from the eastern half of the United States at First Army headquarters to collaborate on the best IED training techniques.

Honoré said the purpose of the conference was to share ideas on how to train Soldiers to adapt to the enemy.

"We aren't here to standardize training at this conference," he said. "We are here to enhance and improve what we are already doing. Remember this, the enemy has no standards."

"The enemy isn't reading a book but is adjusting how he attacks on a daily basis. We must think like that," he said.

First Army trainers teach Soldiers to expect an IED attack 24

hours a day and that anytime is a good time for an IED strike.

"Soldiers will train at their mobilization stations under theater immersion, an Iraqi-like environment where they are jolted by the noise and explosions of simulated attacks at all times of the day and night," said Capt. Sherree Green, G3 training officer.

"With the lessons taught by the trainers using these conditions, Soldiers will be better prepared," she said.

For Honoré, this is serious business, and he believes the label "improvised" is somewhat misleading.

"The word 'improvised' implies that amateurs are throwing these bombs together and haphazardly using them against us," Honoré said.

"That is not what we are dealing with. They are more like Precision Explosive Devices. They are precisely placed, precisely timed and precisely designed to cause casualties," the general said.

"The enemy may not use space-age technology, but make no mistake, he knows what he is doing," Honoré said.

Methods used by the enemy to detonate an IED can be a simple command detonated device that is

hardwired or remotely controlled by such common electronic gear as pagers or cell phones.

Easily disguised, IEDs can be placed anywhere and are a low-cost method for the maximum yield. In addition to the physical casualties they cause, their use is psychological warfare at its most vicious.

Honoré assembled his IED Tiger Team last year to provide a dynamic resource for First Army's trainers.

"Because the enemy's tactics are changing on a daily basis, the Tiger Team's focus is to push the latest tactical IED information down to the trainers on the ground at the mobilization stations," said Sgt. First Class Gregory L. Williams Sr., G3 training non-commissioned officer.

"Our IED Tiger Team is key to keeping the training focus current and based on what is happening in theater," said Lt. Col. Sam Tello, First Army chief of training, G3. "Our internal IED newsletter 'Advance Guard' provides important updates weekly."

"Our Soldiers must learn to see first, understand first and act first," Honoré said. "Their actions must become intuitive. It could save their lives and those of their comrades."

Relatives link up in Iraq

By Phil LaCasse

2nd Bn., 34th Armor, SI

North-central Iraq is not the most likely location for a family reunion, but for Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Ladisic, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, his deployment to Iraq turned into just that.

Ladisic hails from Beallsville, Pa. Since deploying to Iraq, he has linked up with two close family members: his cousin, 1st Sgt. Christopher Rafferty of Company C, 82nd Engineer Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, and Ladisic's younger brother

Spc. Joseph Ladisic, a member of the 114th Cavalry, Pennsylvania National Guard.

The 82nd Eng. Bn. has been deployed to Iraq for the past year and will be relieved by 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, in the coming days.

The two brothers will be serving fewer than 50 miles apart during their respective deployments.

The older Ladisic serves as platoon sergeant for the personal security detail for Lt. Col. Oscar Hall IV, battalion commander for 2nd Bn., 34th Armor. He will accompany Hall wherever he goes and will be responsible for security force missions.

The younger Ladisic serves as

a Scout gunner and will spend his year in Iraq conducting stability and support operations, including patrols, convoy escort missions and raids.

Other members of 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, have close family members in the theater. First Sgt. Jeff Lytle of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, has a son serving with 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, in Baghdad.

Spc. Billy Alexander and Spc. Greg Alexander, both of Colorado Springs, Colo., are in Iraq together. Billy is assigned to HHC, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, while Greg is assigned to HHC, 2nd Bn., 70th Armor, in Baghdad.

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Crowds gather at the Army exhibit, showcasing a Stryker and an Army display, at the 97th annual Chicago Auto Show, held from Feb. 11-20.

Photo by Stan Cordell

Vehicle strikes chord at show

Stryker makes big hit with crowds at Chicago auto venue

By Kathryn Pardo

Army News Service

CHICAGO Ill. — The Stryker was one of the attractions on display at one of the nation's largest and most prominent auto shows, and why not? "It's the ultimate SUV," said one observer.

A Stryker ICV Command Vehicle was on public display at the 97th annual Chicago Auto Show Feb. 11-20.

First staged in 1901, the Chicago Auto Show is the largest auto show in North America and has been held more times than any other auto exposition on the continent, according to the auto show's Web site.

One and a half million people were expected to attend, and it was the first time the military was represented in more than 30 years.

"This is the biggest response to Army participation in an event that I've seen in a long time," said Sgt. 1st Class Maurice Allen, who has been recruiting in the downtown Chicago area for two years.

"We've had quite a bit of excitement so far," said Brian Palmer of General Dynamics, an instructor and trainer for the Army on Strykers. He accompanied the vehicle to Chicago.

"People are really interested in checking out the vehicle and stopping by the Army booth to see what the Army has to offer," Palmer said.

At one point, he responded to the teeming crowd by joking that there were so many people excited to reach the booth that they seemed almost ready to push it over.

Master Sgt. Jimmie Hollies of Tank and Automotive Command

accompanies the Stryker to many exhibitions, including past events in Washington, D.C., and New York. "Technology sells the Stryker," he said.

As if to prove Hollies' point, a male bystander in his mid-thirties pointed to the truck and shouted to a friend: "That is by far the coolest truck I've ever seen! It must be a trip to drive that."

Hollies has also observed that support for Soldiers attracts bystanders to the Stryker. "A lot of people have relatives and friends in the service, and they want to see what is protecting their Soldiers," he said.

"It makes me feel good to know that the Soldiers in Iraq are in this vehicle. It looks tough," said Mary Gates, an observer whose two children were playing inside of the vehicle.

The Stryker was popular with auto observers, but also with potential Army recruits.

"This has by far exceeded any-

thing we had hoped to achieve," said Bill Kelo, the director of public affairs for the Chicago Army Recruiting Battalion. "I have participated in a number of events over the past years, but this has by far been the largest turnout to the Army booth that we have seen in many years."

"It is only 11:30 a.m. (the show opened at 10 a.m.), and I already have a good prospect for next week," said Sgt. Anthony Cook, a recruiter for the downtown Chicago area.

Paul Brian, director of communications for the Chicago Automobile Trade Association, was thrilled that the Army was included in this year's auto show. "I couldn't be prouder or happier that the Army is represented," he said. CATA, the nation's oldest and largest metropolitan dealer organization, produces the show.

Brian said the show ran out of room for the Army exhibit in years past, but when it expanded

in 2005 to 1.2 million square feet, its organization worked hard to include the Army.

"Including the Army in this show is just a good thing to do," he said. "Our men and women in service are taking the fight to the enemy, which I think is the right thing to do."

He added that most civilians are unfamiliar with the Stryker and its capabilities. "It's an important touchstone for people to see the Stryker, to see their taxpayer dollars at work."

"Everyone loves the Stryker," he said. "It's marvelous!"

Army sets new planning focus

Strategy adds three areas

By Zachary M Gildin

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army has released new Strategic Planning Guidance for 2005 that includes three new focus areas: homeland defense, irregular challenges, and stability operations.

The Army Strategic Planning Guidance was approved by Secretary of the Army Francis J. Harvey Jan 15.

"The ASPG is a long-range planning guide, with the purpose of defining the Army's strategy for the next 10 to 20 years," said Maj. Sue Bryant, an Army strategist who works in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G3, and is the document's principal author.

The new ASPG along with being a refinement of the Army's strategy and objectives also is the first major document Secretary Harvey has been a part of since he was confirmed.

"The secretary got involved and personally crafted pieces of it to ensure that it met with his intent and met with his vision," Bryant said.

One of the major refinements to the document is the addition of 10 new Strategic Imperatives for the Army. They are:

- Implement Transformation Initiatives
- Improve Capabilities for Homeland Defense
- Improve Proficiencies Against Irregular Challenges
- Improve Capabilities for Stability Operations
- Achieve Army Force Capabilities to Dominate in Complex Terrain
- Improve Army Capabilities for Strategic Responsiveness
- Improve Global Force Pos-

- ture
- Improve Capabilities for Battle Command
- Improve Joint Fires Capability

- Logistics
- Improve Capabilities for Joint Logistics

Three of these 10 — Improve capabilities for homeland defense, improve capabilities for stability operations and improve proficiency against irregular challenges — have been designated as new Army focus areas.

The irregular challenges are defined by the ASPG as, "unconventional methods adopted and employed by non-state and state actors to counter stronger state opponents." The document goes on to elaborate "Experiences over the last decade from Mogadishu to the Sha-I-Kot Mountains demonstrate the increasing frequency of the irregular challenge."

"The 10 strategic imperatives are the things the Army needs to do in order to maintain its global commitments and fight and win the War on Terrorism," she said.

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Spec. Jared O'Brien draws blood from a Soldier being processed for duty in Iraq. The blood tests are part of Soldier Readiness Processing that assures Soldiers are medically fit to deploy.

'Medics' devote long hours

Processing mission demands huge hospital commitment

By Jan Clark
IACH

Fort Riley's Soldier Readiness Processing site has moved nearly 32,000 Soldiers for deployment in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom and their redeployment to the states.

Irwin Army Community Hospital staff have been a big part of that effort to move Soldiers through Fort Riley.

The SRP site and IACH supports units Reserve and National Guard units in Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Iowa, but Soldiers from virtually all states within the Midwest have moved through Fort Riley on their way to Southwest Asia.

About half the personnel manning the Fort Riley SRP site are civilian employees and contracted workers. The other half is comprised of Soldiers, two-thirds of which are active component Soldiers assigned to IACH and another third being activated Reserve component Soldiers.

Processing Soldiers to make sure they are ready for deployment involves numerous agencies, each with its specific responsibility. Medical processing is one of the largest, most labor intensive and time consuming tasks in the overall movement of activated Soldiers.

The medical SRP mission is to assess and evaluate a Soldier's medical readiness for deployment or condition upon return from Army operations.

The process for deploying and return are similar, with the Soldier's medical history being screened to determine if their immunizations, lab work, hearing, optometry and physical exam requirements are up to date.

Once that is accomplished, all information is documented in written format and electronically stored in a medical data base system.

Upon a Soldier's return and required evaluations accomplished, treatment or response to any injury, illness or medical concerns that may have developed

during deployment are addressed.

Though most Soldiers' medical needs should have been addressed before their return, an injury or illness that has reoccurred or not improved as predicted will be identified at the SRP site.

Soldiers with those conditions will be referred to a health care provider for specialty care, further evaluation and a determination about whether further treatment is necessary, such as non-surgical intervention or physical therapy.

When active duty Soldiers or mobilized Reserve and National Guard Soldiers go through their initial deployment SRP, an on-site determination of the Soldier's suitability for deployment is based on the Soldier's medical history and what they present at the time.

An active duty Soldier who complains of chest pain or shortness of breath, for example, would be thoroughly evaluated and referred for further care within the post's health care system.

At the conclusion of a successful treatment, the Soldier would be

deployed. Should treatment not be successful, the Soldier would be referred for medical evaluation board processing.

Should a medical issue immediately disqualify a Reserve or National Guard Soldier from mobilizing, IACH medical personnel have 25 days to make an evaluation about whether the condition can be resolved and the Soldier still be deployed.

If the condition cannot be resolved, the Soldier is returned to his or her home station for a medical examination board to determine the Soldier's fitness to continue serving in the Army.

IACH is moving towards a fully electronic medical records system using encrypted information on a "Smart Card." This enables a Soldier's medical history to be brought back from the theatre to the SRP site for review.

This "Smart Card" system will eventually enable transmission of medical information between the theatre of operations and any continental United States site for review and evaluation.

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Center benefits troops, families

The Military Severely Injured Joint Support Operations Center now provides service to all severely injured servicemembers and their families. Available worldwide at no cost, regional advocates are available to help with rehabilitation, education and job training, transportation, family counseling and financial planning.

The Center is located in Arlington, Va. The call center is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and can be reached toll free at (888)774-1361.

For more information, visit www.military.com/NewsContent/0,13319,dod1_020205.00.html on the Web.

Recruiter teams to visit post

A Recruit-the-Recruiter team will brief Soldiers interested in switching to recruiter duty at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. March 29 and March 30 at the Post Retention Office. Soldiers who serve as recruiters earn the Recruiter Badge and sergeants and staff sergeants in a promotable status who earn the Recruiter Ring during their 36-month tour are eligible for meritorious promotions. Recruiters also receive \$450 per month in Special Duty Pay.

The briefings at Fort Riley will cover the duties, challenges, benefits and opportunities of recruiter duty. Attending the briefing in no way obligates the Soldier for recruiting duty. A voluntary personal interview following the briefing will determine if a Soldier is qualified.

For more information about recruiting duty, visit www.usarec.army.mil/hq/recruiter on the Web.

Army helps build Iraq border posts

Plan calls for 100 new forts, repair to border entry points

By Nicole Dalrymple
Army News Service

MOSUL, Iraq — An estimated \$25 million is being spent to construct 100 new border forts along the northern borders of Iraq, as well as rehabilitate and enhance numerous points of entry.

In several northern provinces, 34 forts are under construction and 66 others are planned to start in the coming months.

"The Iraqi interim government understands the importance of having secure borders," said Lt. Col. Paul Hastings, spokesman for Task Force Olympia. TF Olympia serves as the command and control element for coalition forces in the two northern governorates of Iraq — Ninewa and Dahok. "They are demonstrating commitment and resolve to secure the borders for the Iraqi people."

Controlling the borders is a primary tenet of Iraq's internal security plan, explained Carol Hewes, program manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Northern District's Security and Justice Sector. "The border forts provide a base of operation for the border

police, who act as the eyes in remote areas away from the central points of entry. The points of entry are similar to our border crossings in the States. They provide a staging area for all pedestrian and vehicular traffic entering and exiting Iraq."

The 133 Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy) is overseeing the renovations of 27 existing forts and the construction of 15 new ones, while the Corps is providing construction management and quality control for the 100 new forts and the points of entry. Work is ongoing in four northern provinces.

"Renovations will take approximately two to three months and new forts will take about six," explained Capt. Dave Bouffard, battalion civil engineer for the 133 ECB(H). "The forts are being constructed using a concrete masonry process that maximizes the use of locally available materials. All construction is being done by local Iraqis. No Coalition Forces are participating in the actual construction."

"The forts function as the Iraqi border patrol's command outpost



ANS/Dalrymple

Construction gives shape to buildings at a new border fort being erected in northern Iraq. The plan is to build 100 forts to secure Iraqi borders.

from which they run 24/7 operations," Bouffard explained. "All forts include living quarters and office space, as well as independent life support sources for water, fuel, power generation and sewer."

More than \$2 million is being spent to upgrade and renovate existing border points of entry. The upgrades include vehicle staging and inspection areas, seizure and storage areas, a banking facility for currency exchange, guard posts, a customs facility and an immigration facility.

"We know how important it is

to prevent foreigners from coming into Iraq," said Wilson Myers, Project and Contracting Office representative for Iraq's northern governorates — Dahok, Irbil and Ninewa. PCO is the contracting agency for distribution of the construction funds. "We are focused on properly equipping and manning the force in order to protect freedom for a sovereign Iraq."

The new forts will provide additional capabilities and staging areas for the Iraqi security forces, Hewes said. While most Iraqis will never see a fort, due to its remote location, there are direct benefits to the Iraqi people,

Hewes said.

"You hear about the insurgents in Mosul and around the country," she said. "I think if we can continue to take steps to keep them out of Iraq that has a significant impact on people's lives and their security. The border forts are the front line defense for Iraq. The border police are cutting down on the number of insurgents and weapons entering the country and that's significant."

Nicole Dalrymple is assigned to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Gulf Region Northern District.

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Unit training officers, the Post staff would like to cover what your Soldiers are doing. Recent training at Fort Riley including sling load training you can read about in this issue. Let us know what you're doing. Call the editor at 239-8854. Let's talk.

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things that may push them off post. If they can ID that, hopefully we can eliminate conflicts that they have."

The \$74,000 project was funded by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, U.S. Army Construction Engineering and Research Lab and the sale of Fort Riley hunting permits.

The project is a collaborative effort between Fort Riley's Directorate of Environment and Safety, Fort Riley conservation officers, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, the Kansas Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, Kansas State University and New Mexico Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit.

Elk once thrived on the tallgrass prairie but were wiped out by settlers in the late 1800s.

Fort Riley reintroduced a herd of 12 elk in 1986. Supplemental stockings between 1987 and 1994 released a total of 47 elk. The herd peaked at some 250 animals in 1998. Because of increased conflicts with private landowners, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks implemented a herd reduction program. The herd's current population is about 125.

"We don't really know much about elk and how they fit into the grassland ecosystems," Conard said. "This is one of the few herds within the tallgrass prairie, and Fort Riley has such a large area of undeveloped habitat."



Post/Blackmon
Louis Bender (left), Steve Wahle (center) and Jonathan Conard gather samples from a tranquilized cow.



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After giving the cow an antidote to combat the tranquilizer, Louis Bender removes the blind placed on the cow.

Elk facts

Elk, also known as wapiti, are members of the Cervidae family, which includes deer, moose and caribou.

Male elk, called bulls, grow and shed antlers each year. The antlers can weigh up to 40 pounds and reach more than 6 feet in length.

A full-grown elk can measure more than 5 feet at the shoulders and weigh more than 750 pounds.

Elk are browsers that feed on grasses, forbs and woody plants.



Post/Blackmon
Louis Bender waves to a weary cow who just woke up.

Sling load

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Air Field that day, practicing the necessary but little-used skills of guiding a helicopter to a hover over a load of supplies, connecting a static line to ground the hovering aircraft and hooking up the load of supplies.

Loads of major repair parts were slung beneath the Black Hawk helicopters using cargo nets and sling sets, Allen said.

Thirty-seven Soldiers rotated through three stations — guiding the helicopter, connecting the static line and hooking up the load.

One member of the two-man team stands on top of load while the aircraft hovers above them and the other man hooks up the static line to ground the helicopter to prevent electrical sparks.

After the static line is connected, the man on top of the load hooks it to the helicopter.

"Everyone practiced through the three stations twice, and everyone had practice being the static man and hook-up man," said 1st Lt. John Quinn, Company A platoon leader.

Quinn set up the training with a

goal to ensure everyone could handle basic daytime sling load operations.

Quinn and another person at the training site were sling load inspector certified.

Before the Soldiers tried their hands at hooking up cargo to the hovering Black Hawks, they trained in the classroom and then used Sergeants' Training Time to get a little more realistic training.

Quinn said they used STT to hook up loads to a fork lift for practice connecting static lines hooking up cargo.

The battalion integrated convoy training in the day's exercise, moving a combination of Humvees, forklifts, tractor-trailer rigs and an ambulance from the battalion's motor pool to the airfield and back to the motor pool.

Allen assessed the training as "absolutely outstanding. Everything went as planned. The weather cooperated and the pilots were glad to get the flight time. They offered to help again," he said, adding that more sling load training is planned.

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The way the badge will look has not yet been determined. Although it will begin to be awarded in March, Hagenbeck said it would probably be autumn before the badge appears in clothing sales stores.

Major generals will have the award authority on the new badge.

Hagenbeck said the badge is designed to recognize the efforts of Soldiers in units which have been reorganized and used as infantry and will be retroactive to Sept. 11, 2001.

"This notion came from commanders in the field. They said, very specifically, that we've reorganized, for example, field artillery units and created infantry-like formations. They're mirroring what our 11B infantry do, they should get the CIB, or we need to create a Close Combat Badge," Hagenbeck said.

He said the Army convened a

panel of retired Soldiers, including several generals, to determine who would qualify for such a badge, and whether it was needed.

"There was a lot of discussion, but there was consensus that these Soldiers ought to be recognized," he said.

The general said the goal was to recognize these Soldiers without any impact on the 60-year tradition of the CIB.

"It's a highly emotional issue," Hagenbeck said. "In the past, you could, for example, have a forward artillery observer attached to an infantry unit. He's on the same patrols and he is getting shot at by the same enemies, but he's not eligible for the CIB," Hagenbeck said.

"He wouldn't be eligible for the CCB, either. It's strictly for those people who we've pulled out of their tanks and away from their guns and used to perform infantry missions," he said.

Deputy garrison commander earns award

By April Blackmon

Staff writer



Helen Gough

Fort Riley's deputy garrison commander was among eight people Army-wide who received the Installation Management Authority's Stalwart Award.

Helen Gough was chosen as the IMA Northwest Region winner and recognized at a ceremony Nov. 17 at Fort Bliss, Texas.

The award "sounds excellent," she said, but added modestly that she was

just doing her job supporting Soldiers and family members on the installation.

"The real goal is to provide the best service we can for Soldiers and families. I just happen to be lucky enough to get recognized for that this year," she said. "It feels good to be recognized for contributions you make, but I couldn't have done any of this without all the directors and folks on the installation that make things happen."

The Stalwart award recognizes IMA employees worldwide who contribute significantly to the command's accom-

plishments and high standards of performance. Each region nominates one employee from its headquarters and three from its field elements. The competition covers the period from July to July of each year.

Gough's accomplishments the past year included developing more training and development opportunities for civilian supervisors. Such training programs are important for "developing future leaders to come forward and take our place as we continue to support Soldiers and families," Gough said.

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Sports news in brief

Registration open for soccer

Spring soccer registration for kindergarten through eighth-grade students will continue through March 11. Registration will be held on a walk-in basis from noon to 5 p.m. weekdays at Central Registration in Building 6620.

Current sports physicals are required at registration.

For more information, call the youth sports director at 239-9223 or Central Registration at 239-4847.

Youth softball leagues forming

The Manhattan Parks and Recreation Department is accepting team registrations for Wildcat League Softball. Leagues are available for children 10 years old and younger and 16 years old and younger.

To register, stop by the Parks and Recreation Office at 1101 Fremont St. or call (785) 587-2757, before 5 p.m. March 25 or before the leagues are full.

The teams will play May 2 through July 15.

Rec slates skeet competition

The Fort Riley Outdoor Recreation Center will host a four-man skeet competition beginning at 10 a.m. March 19 at the center's nearby clay range.

Cost is \$3 per person for 25 clays. Team pre-registration is required. Shooters will be allowed to shoot 12 and 20 gauge shotguns only and competitors must provide their own shells. First prize is a traveling trophy.

For more information or to register, call 239-2363 or 239-6368.

Strike Zone offers specials

For a limited time only, the Strike Zone at Custer Hill Bowling Center will be offering Wednesday Night Specials between 5 and 8 p.m. These deals will go away when Rally Point's kitchen reopens.

Specials include a mini-slice of cheese pizza and small soda for \$1. Patrons can bowl for \$1 per person per line on Wednesdays.

For more information, call Custer Hill Lanes at (785) 239-4366.

Firearms range open weekends

Fort Riley's Range 9 for privately owned firearms is open for use on weekends by authorized patrons. Confirmed open dates are Feb. 26, Feb. 27, March 5 and March 6, weather permitting. The range may be open other days or those confirmed dates may change. Anyone wanting to use the range should first check with Outdoor Rec at 239-2249 to confirm the range is open.

The volunteer range officer for Feb. 26 will be retired Maj. Bob Forman. The range officer for Feb. 27 will be Sgt. 1st Class Donald Love. Volunteer range officer for March 5 will be retired Staff Sgt. Green and for March 6 will be retired Maj. Stephen Bachelor.

Firearms owners also can register weapons at the Outdoor Rec Center, although it is recommended owners take a list of their weapons and serial numbers they wish to shoot at Range 9 to the PMO's Physical Security Office.

Army boxers rule first night of tourney

By Tanja Linton
Army News Service

FORT HUACHUCA, Ariz.—The enthusiastic roar of fans supporting all four services kicked off the first night of the 2005 Armed Forces Boxing Championships in a packed Barnes Field House at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

The seven preliminary bouts Feb. 18 featured boxers of all four services, but it was the four fights featuring Army boxers that sent the crowd into a frenzy.

All four Soldiers defeated their opponents. Army 1st Lt. Boyd Melson, a 2004 Conceil Internationale Sports Militaire gold medalist from Fort Carson, Colo., was the

first Army boxer to step into the ring. Flying out of the red corner, his ferocious punches made short work of Senior Airman Ramon Castro of Hurlburt Field, Fla., ending the bout 1:18 into round one.

In the second of two bouts at 165 lbs., Army Spc. Quentin McCoy of Fort Carson, Colo., stopped Air Force 1st Lt. Aaron

Banks of Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., at 1:57 in round one.

Army Staff Sgt. Christopher Downs of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, recently returned from a deployment in Iraq. He pulled the plug at 1:53 in round one on Marine Cpl. Jonathan Harverson's attempt to advance in the 178-lb. weight class.

Army Sgt. Joe Guzman of Fort

Carson, Colo., was equally successful in stopping Air Force Staff Sgt. Melvin Allick of Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in the final fight of the night. He retired Allick 30 seconds into round 2.

A 2004 CISM bronze medal winner, Marine Cpl. Eric Canales, displayed fine form as he outpointed Airman 1st Class Hector Ramos, 16-14.

Target practice



Outdoor Rec facilities manager Carol Alexander assembles a three-dimensional target used on the archery range.

Center offers archery range, classes

By Austin Meek
Staff writer

Bowhunters looking for target practice can set their sights on the Outdoor Recreation archery range.

Hunters with their own equipment can use the range free on a walk-in basis, said Outdoor Rec facilities manager Carol Alexander.

"The majority do (bring their own equipment)," Alexander said. "We also have bows and arrows they can rent."

Hunters can supply their own targets or rent targets from Outdoor Rec. Small 3-D targets and large animal targets are available.

Beginning in March, Outdoor Rec will also offer archery classes. The classes are open to all ages and skill levels and will focus on the basics of archery.

"We think we can get people who've never tried archery interested in the sport," Alexander said.

The classes will be taught by Fredrick Leonard, a retired first sergeant and an archery enthusiast.

"(Leonard) would never say he's a professional, but to me he is," Alexander said. "He has a great love for archery, and he competes in tournaments."

Alexander said she plans to purchase new rental equipment by the time the classes begin, including bows that younger children can use.

"The bows we have are 20- to 30-pound pull weight," Alexander said. "Kids need less than that. We'll have that by the time we have the class."

Alexander said she also plans to upgrade the archery facilities this spring. Leonard will oversee the renovations.

"(Leonard) is going to do a work order for me to upgrade the range," she said. "To me, the archery range doesn't look as good as it should right now."

One upgrade will be erecting a platform to replace a tower that was blown down by

Archery prices

Small targets — \$2 per day, \$5 overnight, \$10 for a weekend.

Large animal targets — \$3 for a day, \$7 overnight, \$12 for a weekend.

Bow and three arrows — \$2 a day, \$3 overnight, \$5 for a weekend.

high winds.

"We had a tower so they (hunters) could shoot at the targets from above," Alexander said. "When we had the 50 mile-an-hour winds in September or October we lost it."

Alexander said she hopes to have these upgrades completed in time for the Archery Top Gun Shoot-Out, a tournament scheduled for April 9.

In addition to the archery range, Outdoor Rec offers a variety of services for those wishing to enjoy the great outdoors.

"We have a clay range and a laser shot simulator," Alexander said. "We have boats and tents and canoes in the summer. We also sell hunting and fuel wood permits."

Outdoor Rec is located at 9011 Rifle Range Road.

"You can't miss us, because we're the lone building," Alexander said. "I call us the little house on the prairie."

Army finishes Daytona 'just OK'

By William Thurmond
Army News Service

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Joe Nemechek drove the Army's 01 Chevrolet to a 13th place finish in the Daytona 500 Feb. 20.

The 47th running of "America's Race" was a wild one, with 11 cautions, 22 lead changes and an overtime "green-white-checker" finish at lap 203 that enabled Jeff Gordon to collect his third Daytona 500 victory.

Following Gordon in the second spot was Kurt Busch, the reigning NEXTEL Cup champion. Rounding out the top five was Dale Earnhardt Jr. in third, followed by Nemechek's teammate Scott Riggs in fourth.

The Army's entry started the race in the 34th position and struggled in the early part of the race.

"We never had the rhythm today," Nemechek said. "We had a couple of great runs and then I messed up by sliding through the pit box twice."

The first time that happened, NASCAR assessed a one-lap penalty that dropped Nemechek a lap down. A fortunate caution a few laps later enabled Nemechek to get a "luck dog" pass and get back on the lead lap with the rest of the field.

Clever pit strategy and several strong pit stops kept "Front Row Joe" in position to move to the front of the pack. An especially quick stop at lap 65 enabled the Army car to gain 14 positions. And a 14-second green flag stop at lap 138 moved him forward several more spots and into the lead for two laps.

But for much of the day, Nemechek remained stuck in the middle of the 43-car field.

"There at the end, I thought I was going to salvage this race with a top ten or even a top five finish, but I couldn't pick the right lane and got passed by too many cars," Nemechek said.

"I really feel I let my U.S. Army team down by messing up in the pits," Nemechek said. "But considering how erratic we were today, a 13th place finish is okay, and I just mean okay."

We're a much better super-speedway team than we showed today."

The Army Racing team moves on to California Speedway for the Auto Club 500.

Moon Lake re-stocked

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

The fish population at Moon Lake grew by 1,000 rainbow trout Feb. 17. It was the first of three trout stockings planned for the recreation area, said Shawn Stratton, a fish and wildlife biologist at Fort Riley.

More trout will be stocked at Moon Lake in March and April, he said, and some channel catfish will

be stocked in the summer.

Stratton estimated each trout to weigh about eight ounces — half a pound. One of the netted fish moved first from the tank to the pond to see how they would adjust to the water temperature was much bigger than that, perhaps a foot long from mouth to tail and perhaps weighing a pound and a half.

The lake temperature was 46 degrees at noon Feb. 17, within suitable range of the temperature

of water in the two tanks holding the trout to allow immediate stocking. The trout cascaded through a flexible hose into the lake rapidly and without difficulty. The whole stocking process ended in less than 30 minutes.

Afterward, individual fish could be seen jumping into the air above the lake's surface, "adjusting their air sacks," Stratton said.

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John Reinke of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks dips a net containing half-pound rainbow trout into the water at Moon Lake Feb. 17. The lake was stocked with 1,000 trout.

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Sports news in brief

Volleyball season opens

Registration will begin in March for the Fort Riley Community Life Sports Program volleyball teams.

The program is open to all female family members of active duty and retired military, as well as Department of Army civilians, contractors and AAFES employees working on Fort Riley.

Participants must be at least 18 years old to play. Registration is \$40 per team. For more information, call 239-3764.

Soccer clinic scheduled

Manhattan Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registrations for its annual Spring Break Soccer Clinic. The clinic is a four-day basic soccer skills camp for children ages 4 to 8.

Registration fee is \$30 per player. Deadline for registration is 5 p.m. March 15.

For more information, call Adam Dolezal at (785) 587-2757.

Army seeks women players

Applications for participation in the 2005 All Army Women's Soccer program are due to the morale, welfare and recreation program manager of the Installation Management Agency's Northwest Regional Office by March 1.

All-Army Sports is looking forward to recruiting an outstanding team to compete in the 2005 Women's Armed Forces Soccer Championship. Application information is available on the Army MWR Web site at www.armymwr.com.

For more information, call DSN 793-8796 or (309) 782-8748.

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Post Troopers meet defeat

Boys' basketball teams drop four to Anthony

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

Manhattan Anthony Middle School dealt Fort Riley Middle School's Troopers four losing hands Feb. 15, but the basketball games were evenly matched with 10 or fewer points separating the teams at the final buzzer.

The Troopers hosted Anthony on their two courts, with the A team losing 32-29, the B team losing 39-29, the C team losing 31-29 and the D team losing 29-23.

Andy Birchmeier burned the nets for the Troopers in the A team game, scoring 11 points in the first half and eight more in the second half.

Teammate Collin Reese added four to the Trooper rally while Devin Dickens, Chris Toombs and Quentin Kimura scored two apiece to round out Fort Riley's offensive effort.

Zach Mann wowed Trooper fans with a three-pointer in the Trooper's second-period, nine-point rally in the B team game. Armogem Walker scored the other

six points with three field goals in the period to match Anthony's offensive effort and break for halftime trailing 17-9.

The Troopers outscored the visitors 14-10 in the third period with six points from Zach Birchmeier and four more from Walker to spearhead the rally.

The Troopers' offense stumbled in the final quarter with only six points compared to Anthony's 12.

Walker led scoring in the B team game with 12 points, followed by Birchmeier with eight, Xavier Matthews with four, Zach Mann with three and Randy Moss with two.

In the closest game of the day, the Troopers spread a potent offense evenly over the four periods, scoring six in the first, nine in the second and seven each in the third and fourth. The home defense toughened in the final quarter, holding Anthony to three points after they had scored 28 points in the first three quarters and led the Troopers by six points going into the final period.

Michael Wilkerson led the

Trooper offense with nine points in the game, scoring six of those in the last half.

Justin Ramos trailed Wilkerson by a field goal for top scoring honors. He hit two free throws in the second quarter and added five points in the second half for seven total.

George Goring scored four for the Troopers and Antonio Baskin added three. Chris Jackson-Smith, Josh Montgomery and Scott Jeffreys scored two each.

Doni Hancock and Jackson-Smith led the Troopers' scoring effort in the D game, notching 10 points and seven points, respectively.

Hancock scored four in the first period and Jackson-Smith added four in the second period. Hancock added another two in the third period and four in the final stanza while Jackson-Smith hit a field goal and free throw in the fourth quarter.

Jeremy Herman scored his four points in the first half with a field goal and two free throws. Ryan Alby added two points in the third quarter.



Post/Meek

Wildcats beat Buffs

Kansas State University's Megan Mahoney (34) takes a shot on Colorado's Kara Richards. The Wildcats won 73-51 Feb. 19. The Wildcats' three senior starters - Kendra Wecker, Laurie Koehn and Megan Mahoney - combined to score 49 of the Wildcats' 73 points.

The K-State seniors will play their final regular-season home game on Feb. 26 against Kansas. Wecker's No. 53 jersey will be retired in a ceremony at halftime.

Tip-off is set for 5 p.m. The game will be televised on the Fox Sports Network. Affiliates of the Mid America Sports Network will air the play-by-play on radio.

Fish

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The trout came from Crystal Lake Fisheries in Ava, Mo. Fort Riley has used that hatchery to stock Moon Lake in past years. This year, however, Fort Riley gets the stocked trout free.

Working with the Kansas Department of Parks and Wildlife, Fort Riley gets the free fish in exchange for not charging a post fee to fish. The arrangement is part of a state initiative to eliminate the added fees charged by military installations inside its borders.

KDWP will reimburse Fort Riley with the stocked fish to make up for revenue lost because the post fishing permits will no longer be sold.

Besides the rainbow trout that can be caught in Moon Lake, Stratton said the lake contains channel catfish, flathead catfish, large-mouth bass and bluegill.

Going fishing?

Moon Lake is open for fishing 24 hours-a-day.

Anglers 16 to 65 need a valid Kansas fishing license. Anglers younger than 16 or older than 65 do not need a state license.

All anglers need a trout stamp if they catch and keep trout. The Kansas trout stamp costs \$11 and allows the bearer to fish for trout in any of the 22 trout streams and ponds managed by KDWP.

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Company level basketball

FA steals victory from Signal

Chem team beats Enforcers

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

It came down to the wire for Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery and the 331st Signal Company Feb. 17 at King Field House. After the smoke cleared, the Artillerymen had barely out-gunned the Signalmen 45-43, winning in the game's final seconds.

"(It was) hard work, dedication and that man right there and that man right there shooting them balls," said the Artillery's Jewel Brock, referring to Syndicate Walker's 24 points and Stephen Jones' 21 points.

"The team stayed focused," he said, "and came out with the win at the end."

The Artillery's hot hands kept them ahead of Signal throughout the first half in spite of their opponents' determination. Down by as much as nine points, Signal launched shots that kept failing and pulled them within two points of the Artillery at the end of the first half.

Signal continued their scoring streak with a 4-0 run in the first seven minutes of the second half, taking the lead away from the Artillery.

The Signal team kept the lead for most of the second half, but Artillery's Walker scored a three-pointer with 1:15 left to give his team a two-point lead.

Signal answered with two points of its own to tie the game and then ran down the clock hoping to score near the buzzer.

With some 15 seconds left, the Signal team pushed the ball down the court looking to score. Artillery's Jones stole the ball and Signal's hope for victory as he raced toward his basket on the fast break.

Jones was fouled on the fast



Post/Blackmon

Signal Co. player Aaron Costa (15) gets fouled as he goes up for the shot against HHB player Kevin Curry (8) Feb. 17.

break but failed to make the free throw.

Seven seconds remained on the clock, but that wasn't much time for Signal to get off another shot. Signal's J.P. Calhoun attempted a long three-pointer at the buzzer but missed, giving the Artillery the two-point victory.

"Team ball worked well for us," said Signal player Calhoun, "but we had way too many turnovers."

John Lewis led Signal scoring with 18 points. Calhoun scored

13, and Aaron Costa added six.

Brock scored 10 for the Artillery, and Kevin Curry netted eight points.

The Artillery's win brings the team to 6-1 in Western League play. Signal is now 5-3.

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By Austin Meek
Staff writer

Players of the 172nd Chemical Company knocked off the 523rd Military Police Company Enforcers 37-28 in Southern League basketball action Feb. 16 at King Field House.

George Cabarrans led the offensive effort for the chemical company in a game dominated by defense. Cabarrans finished with a game-high 19 points.

Doug Nelson, coach for the chemical company, also cracked double figures with 10 points.

The Enforcers held an early lead despite committing several turnovers. The chemical company players failed to take advantage of the Enforcers' miscues, however, and trailed by three points at halftime.

With the game knotted at 20 midway through the second half, the chemical company players to life.

Sparked by a breakaway slam-dunk by Cabarrans, they closed the game with a 17-8 run.

Chemical company players knocked down several crucial free throws in the closing minutes to seal the victory.

John Newlin led scoring for the Enforcers with nine points.

Despite the slow start, Nelson said he had been confident his team would find its rhythm.

"We just had to slow the game down and start looking for good shots," Nelson said. "We play together often. We just had to settle down and play our game."

The win brings the chemical company to 5-2 overall. The Enforcers are now 4-2.



Post/Meek

172nd Chem. Co.'s George Cabarrans (71) goes up for a shot against Nolan Mitchner (21) of the 523rd MP Co. The chemical Soldiers won 37-28.

Got an idea for a sports or recreation story. We'd like to hear it.
Call the editor at 239-8854. Let's talk.

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Southern League Standings

(as of Feb. 16)

Team	W	L
10th ASOS	3	5
HHC, 24th ID	4	1
USA MEDDAC	4	2
15th PSB	0	7
172nd Chemical	5	2
HHC, 1st Eng Bn	1	5
Touch of Grey	5	2
15th Finance	3	3
523rd MPs	4	2

Western League Standings

(as of Feb. 17)

Team	W	L
331st Signal	5	4
HHC, 1-16	9	0
HHB, 1-5	6	1
A, 1-5	2	5
B, 1-5	0	8
B, 101st FSB	4	2
HHC, 1-34	2	5
C, 1-34	1	6
A, 1-34	4	3

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Community news briefly

Students spell well in contest

Several Fort Riley Middle School students placed in the Feb. 18 spelling bee sponsored by Geary County Unified School District 475.

Eighth-graders Gabby Thomas placed second overall, Taylor Dibasio placed third and Andrew Michael placed fourth. They placed the same for eighth-grade level competition.

At the sixth-grade level, Jeremy Pagan placed second and Kaisha McDougald placed fourth.

At the seventh-grade level, Matthew Righter finished first, Esteban Perez came in second, Thomas Miskevish placed fourth and Sarah Crim finished fifth.

Twenty of the spelling bee's 55 participants were from Fort Riley Middle School.

Family care class offered

A Family Child Care orientation will be offered March 3 (first Thursday of each month) for people interested in becoming an FCC provider. The orientation is given from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in Building 6620.

FCC providers are being recruited to replace providers who will soon leave Fort Riley and to meet demands for infant and hourly care.

For more information, call the FCC director at 239-9892.

Spouses' clubs plan events

Fort Riley's Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club and Enlisted Spouses' Club plan to share Luck O' The Irish Bowling during their March luncheon meetings.

The clubs invite interested spouses to join their members lunch and an opportunity to wear really fashionable shoes. A prize will be awarded to the person with the most St. Patty's day spirit.

The luncheon will begin at 11 a.m. March 17 at Custer Hill Bowling Center on post. Cost is \$11.50 per person.

Anyone wishing to attend should call Janelle Allen at 784-4228 no later than noon March 9. They also can send e-mail to fortrileyoscs@yahoo.com or contact the OSCS's reservation chairwoman through the club's Web site at www.fortrileyoscs.com.

For more information, call The Shoppe at 239-2743.

Riley's to host retro dance

Riley's Conference Center will host a Retro Flashback Dance on from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. beginning Feb. 25. Admission is \$5, which opens the door to a boogie woogie night as a DJ spins the tunes, sets the table with light hors d'oeuvres from 10 p.m. to midnight and offers a cash bar throughout the event.

This swinging time is open to everyone 18 and older. Dancers are encouraged to relive the 1970s by wearing their bell-bottoms or step back to the 1980s by sliding into their Calvin's and leg warmers.

For more information, call Riley's at 784-1000.

Teen Center slates activities

Feb. 25 - 8 to 10:30 p.m., middle school dance

Feb. 26 - 6 to 9 p.m., family potluck dinner

For more information, call the Teen Center at 239-9222.

Army secretary explains plan Army hoping more predictable deployment schedule will reduce family stress

By Leo Shane III

European Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Army officials hope that more predictable deployment schedules for active duty Soldiers, Reservists and Guardsmen will lead to a better-trained force with quicker response times.

Under a plan unveiled to Congress Feb. 9, active duty Soldiers

could expect two years at their home base after a year of deployment. Reservists would see five years of "dwell time" after each year in active duty service, and Guardsmen would have four to five years at home between deployments.

Army Secretary Francis Harvey said that plan likely won't go into effect until at least 2007, when other major training and force adaptations are complete. Officials

want to shift the service to a brigade combat team focus over the next two years, growing from 33 brigades to 44.

Harvey said more predictable deployment schedules will create a better quality of life for Soldiers by reducing stress on their families, which in turn will result in a more focused fighting force.

Of the 150,000 U.S. troops in Iraq, between 40 percent and 50 percent are from the Guard and

Reserve. The figure is set to drop to 30 percent for the next rotation, beginning this summer, because many combat-ready Guard units are tapped out.

Last year, Congress mandated a temporary increase of 30,000 Soldiers to address those personnel concerns.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker said that about 20,000 of those new Soldiers have been recruited, and officials will

hire 2,000 new recruiters in the coming year to reach the 30,000 goal and keep the personnel numbers steady.

"You can cut down 300,000 trees in no time, but it takes longer to grow 30,000 back," he said, noting that the Army dropped its active duty numbers after the first Gulf War.

Members of the House Armed Services Committee praised the overall force upgrades.

Celebration



Members of the Morris Hill Gospel Choir perform at the Black History Month observance Feb. 16 at Riley's Conference Center. The choir sang several numbers.

Post observes Black History Month

By April Blackmon

Staff writer

The Fort Riley community gathered to celebrate Black History Month Feb. 16 at Riley's Conference Center. This year's theme is the Niagara Movement.

The Morris Hill Gospel Choir and Soldiers of the 101st Forward Support Battalion performed several songs for the crowd. Scheduled guest speaker, retired 1st Sgt. Albert Curley, became ill before the ceremony and was unable to attend.

With less than 24 hours notice, MED-DAC Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Stuart stepped in. Stuart shared with the audience a brief history of the Niagara Movement

and read a poem titled, "I Am Strong."

The movement, which began 100 years ago, was to "inspire the advancement of the black race" and decipher ways to "survive in America at that time," Stuart said.

The group set several principles for itself, including improving education, establishing leadership, finding dignity in labor, fighting for suffrage and embracing freedom of speech and press.

"A lot of messages came from that movement," Stuart said. "We've come a long way and we've worked so hard and kept on pushing."



2nd Lt. Darrell Fair, USAG, plays the drums at the Black History Month observance.

Marriage and military life

Columnist answers relationship queries

By Gene-Thomas Gomulka
Retired Navy chaplain

Dear Gene-Thomas, My spouse sometimes loses his temper and yells at me. Although he has never hit me, I wish he would be more like my father, who never verbally abused my mother.

—Lisa

Dear Lisa, Some partners can tend to imitate their parents' behavior when it comes to resolving problems. For example, if a person comes from a home where his or her parents were physically or verbally abusive at times, that person may have a tendency to likewise resort to hitting or yelling whenever a problem arises.

However, regardless of how one's parents resolved their differences, partners must agree that

abusive methods are not only destructive to one another, but also to the psychological well-being of any children who might witness such abuse.

Spouses like yourself, who have never experienced any form of verbal or physical abuse, may be particularly sensitive to being yelled at. When you and your husband have some quiet time together, you may want to share this concern with him, discussing how your respective parents may have had an influence on how each of you handles conflicts for better or for worse.



Gene-Thomas Gomulka

You may also wish to identify positive parental qualities that you would like to emulate and negative parental traits that you want to avoid.

In one case, a husband who came from a large family said that he was accustomed to raising his voice when agitated, as it was the only way he could be heard in his crowded childhood. He also admitted that his parents would argue with each other in front of the kids and that moved them sometimes to run to their bedrooms.

His wife, however, reminded him that she was an only child and pointed out that her parents never showed displeasure toward each other in her presence.

By discussing their home experiences and how they perceived yelling allowed them to understand each other better. The husband was more careful not to raise

his voice, and the wife was less inclined to interpret his excitability as a lack of love on his part.

Unfortunately, abuse does take place within military and civilian families. Excessive anger can be manifested in various forms of abuse (e.g., verbal, spousal, child). Anger-management classes and other therapies can help arrest such behavior and reduce the chances of divorce, hospitalization of the victim of abuse or even incarceration of the abuser.

For more information about resolving conflicts in constructive ways, speak with a chaplain or family support counselor. They are trained and ready to help you.

Gene-Thomas Gomulka is a retired Navy chaplain, literary award winner and author of "The Survival Guide for Marriage in the Military." If you have a question, send it via e-mail to letters@plaintec.net.

Military record set right

Army corrects wrong to first black chaplain

By Eric Cramer

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — More than 100 years after the court-martial of Chap. (Capt.) Henry Vinton Plummer, the Army redressed a wrong and issued an honorable discharge to the first African-American to be commissioned a chaplain in the Army.

Maj. Gen. David Hicks, U.S. Army chief of chaplains, said it was time the Army corrected its error.

"I am personally gratified that the Army Board for the Correction of Military Records, after 114 years, has restored Chaplain Capt. Henry Plummer to his rightful and deserved place in the history of the U.S. Army Chaplaincy," Hicks said. "This action makes me proud of the Army in its willingness to right former injustice by granting his honorable discharge in recognition of his many years of selfless service, both before and after 1894."

Hicks said Plummer was a historic figure in the Army, "I am especially proud of Chaplain Plummer's service to our Soldiers on America's frontier as our first commissioned black chaplain, and whose heritage I share. I extend my congratulations and gratitude to Chaplain Plummer's descendants who brought this case to the Army's attention."

Plummer's military career began 30 years before the events that led to his dismissal from service. Born a slave in Prince George's County, Md., in 1844, he joined the U.S. Navy in 1864, during the Civil War, serving as a Sailor aboard the USS *Coeur de Lion*.

Upon leaving the Navy at the end of the war, Plummer taught himself to read and write and attended the Wayland Seminary, where he became a Baptist minister. He served as pastor of several churches in the District of Columbia before accepting a commission as an Army chaplain in 1884.

He served with the 9th Cavalry Regiment, the famous Buffalo Soldiers, as a chaplain for 10 years before he was dismissed from service.

"Plummer was an American pioneer," said U.S. Army spokesman Dev Schwartz. "His actions were selfless."

Plummer was responsible for

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Community news briefly

Chaplains seek nursery help

The Fort Riley's Chaplain's Office is accepting bids to work in a nursery setting during various chapel sponsored programs. Workers must be at least 18 years old.

Workers are allowed to bring one of their own children under age 5 to the nursery during the time they are scheduled to work.

Openings exist for on Sunday and Tuesday mornings, Thursday evenings and for special events. Applicants must bid on the schedule they would like work and on how much they would like to be paid.

For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Leslie Setzer Monday through Friday at 239-3557.

CYS provides free childcare

Feb. 26 - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., free childcare for deployed Soldier's kids

For more information, call 239-9173.

Youth services seeks teachers

Instructors are needed for dance, violin, voice, guitar, martial arts and any other form of instructional programming someone is interested in teaching. Instructors also are needed to teach week-long summer camps.

Classes will be held on Fort Riley and may be scheduled at the convenience of the instructor or based on need. Instructors will be paid as contractors.

For more information, contact the Instructional Programs Specialist at 239-4723 or Central Registration at 239-4847.

Storytime tells about friends

Storytime starts at 1:30 p.m. on Saturdays and all children are welcome. Storytimes are free, but parents must accompany children younger than 10.

The Fort Riley Post Library is in Building 5306 on Custer Hill. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays. The library is closed on Mondays.

For more information, call Victoria Martin at 239-9582.

Center plans gardening visit

Gardeners and flower growers can get a headstart on the coming growing spring by taking part in the "Let's Get Ready for Spring!" visit to West Acres Nursery, 2516 W. Kansas Highway 18, on the outskirts of Junction City.

Fort Riley's Outdoor Recreation Center is sponsoring the free visit from 1 to 2 p.m. March 5. Sign up at the rec center, 9011 Rifle Range Road, or call 239-2363 or 239-6368.

Classes at the nursery will cover soil temperatures, when to plant, how to prepare the beds, container planting and vegetable and flower plant beds.

Long pool hosts family night

Family Fun Night is scheduled for 7 to 10 p.m. March 4, March 18, April 8 and April 22 at the Long Fitness Center pool, Building 8069 on Custer Hill. Cost is \$5 per family, \$1 per guest, passes not included.

For more information, call 239-5888.



Post/Blackmon

Giving blood

Ronald Gray draws blood from Daniel Gaston during the Red Cross Blood Drive Feb. 15-16. The center received 78 units of blood in the two-day period, falling short of its goal of 90 units.

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the pastoral care of the regiment's troopers and for the education of the troopers and their families, as many had not had prior schooling.

Plummer was dismissed from service in 1894 after facing a court-martial on the grounds of conduct unbecoming an officer. A dismissal for an officer is the equivalent of a dishonorable discharge for an enlisted Soldier.

The facts of his case are largely undisputed, Schwartz said. In 1894, Plummer, who was serving as the chaplain for the 9th Cavalry Regiment, joined the regiment's sergeant major and two other non-commissioned officers to celebrate a sergeant's promotion. There was general agreement that Plummer and the non-commissioned officers toasted the promotion with alcohol and that Plummer had an altercation with a noncommissioned officer.

In the resulting court-martial, all witnesses agreed that Plummer had consumed alcohol with enlisted troopers and had provided enlisted troopers with alcohol, both activities considered offenses as conduct unbecoming an officer under the Articles of War in use at the time.

President Grover Cleveland approved Plummer's dismissal in November of 1894.

Plummer requested that his commission be reinstated several times, volunteering for service in combat during the Spanish-American War in 1898, and to serve in the Philippines following that war. His requests were denied.

Schwartz said Plummer faced discrimination because he was the only African-American officer in the regiment.

In 2004, Plummer's great-grand nephew requested that the Army review his ancestor's case, asking that the records of the Army be corrected to show the court-martial was overturned and expunged and that Plummer be issued an honorable discharge.

The Army Board for the Correction of Military Records reviewed the case. While it did not overturn the court-martial, it concluded that racism extant at the time contributed to Plummer's treatment and the characterization of his service that led to the dismissal.

The board determined Plummer deserved an honorable discharge to restore equity.

Program offers free classes

Courses open to spouses, federal employees

By Jay Baker

Public affairs intern

Army spouses and federal civilian employees can attend college level courses offered on Fort Riley for free.

Through a partnership with Barton County Community College, the Fort Riley Army Education Center offers Leadership Skills and Enhancement Courses that Army spouses and federal employees working on-post, as well as Soldiers, can attend. Besides the military occupational specialty enhancement courses offered primarily for Soldiers, students can enroll in courses such as college algebra and general psychology.

Originally designed as a professional development resource for Soldiers, LSEC goals switched to assisting the total army family in 2003, said Director of Education Services Federico Rodriguez.

"This is a productive way of spending time with tangible results. In fact, this is a wonderful way for spouses to advance themselves and keep their attention on other things than their spouses' welfare if they are deployed," he said.

LSEC is the only duty-time training program that offers Soldiers and civilian employees college level courses, and Fort Riley is the only installation with this type of program, said Marian Moore, education services specialist.

The community college offers identical courses at its Great Bend,



Post/Baker

Students Curtis Morales, Brittany Toombs, Chris Gomez, Marlese Burrowes and Connie Olson work out math problems and check each others' answers during their Basic and Preparatory Math Class.

Kan., location and all LSEC courses offered at the education center are considered on-campus courses and are transferable to any accredited university, Moore said.

Connie Olson, an LSEC student enrolled in basic and preparatory mathematics, plans to transfer the three-credit-hour class to a four-year university. Olson took other classes, such as philosophy and sociology for enjoyment, she said.

"I was surprised to see that topics in philosophy were relevant to topics in sociology. If I had to pay for those classes, I probably wouldn't have taken them," she said.

Each three-credit-hour class meets for 90 minutes every week-day for six weeks.

Want to enroll?

The next LSEC term is Feb. 28 to April 12.

Anyone interested should contact an education counselor at 239-6481.

Students should expect to have their college transcripts and military training evaluated for credit when they meet a counselor.

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Leisuretime ideas

At the movies:

The Barlow Post Theater Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Shows begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Admission is \$3.50 for adults, \$1.75 for Children 5 to 11 years old and free for children under age 5, except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

Feb. 25 — Coach Carter (PG-13)

Feb. 26 — In Good Company (PG-13)

Feb. 27 — Assault on Precinct 13 (R)

March 3 — Coach Carter (PG-13)

For more information, call 784-2226 or 784-2640.

Manhattan:

What: "Black Comedy" by Peter Shaffer. A fascinating, fast-paced comedy.

When: 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday now through March 6

Where: Grosh Performance Hall, Manhattan Arts Center

Phone: (785) 537-4420

Admission: Varies

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What: Exhibition by book artist Lynda Barry.

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 1 through April 30

Where: 701 Beach Lane, Beach Museum of Art

Phone: (785) 532-7718

Admission: Free

Manhattan:

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What: Dervish. From Northwest of Ireland, band has stood at the forefront of traditional Irish groups.

When: 3 p.m. March 6

Where: McCain Auditorium

Phone: (785) 532-6428

Admission: Varies

Salina:

What: "Beehive." Delightful musical revue sings and dances its way through girl groups of the '50s, '60s, and '70s.

When: Feb. 25 and 27

Where: 303 E. Iron, Salina Community Theatre

Phone: (785) 827-6126 or toll free at (877) 414-2367

Admission: \$18-\$21

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What: Beehive. Delightful musical revue sings and dances its way through girl groups of the '50s, '60s and '70s.

When: March 3-6

Where: 303 E. Iron, Salina Community Theatre

Phone: (785) 827-6126 or toll free at (877) 414-2367

Admission: \$18-21

Hutchinson:

What: Les Brown's Band of Renown. The 15-piece band conducted by Les Brown, Jr., includes a female vocalist and a multi-media presentation with film clips of stars including Bob Hope. Les Brown, Jr. will regale you with wonderful stories between wonderful songs.

When: 8 p.m. Feb. 26

Where: 18 E. First, Historic Fox Theatre

Phone: (620) 663-5861 or toll free at (877) 369-7469

Admission: \$18, \$20 and \$22

Topeka:

What: "Man of LaMancha." Topeka Civic Theatre performance.

When: Dinner at 6 p.m., show at 8 p.m. March 4 through April 2

Where: 3028 SW Eighth Avenue, Topeka Civic Theatre & Academy

Phone: (785) 357-5211

Admission: Show \$18; dinner \$16

Wichita:

What: EquiFest of Kansas. Three-day horse fair and expo.

When: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Feb. 25; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Feb. 26; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 27

Where: 1229 E. 85th St. N., Kansas Coliseum, Valley Center

Phone: (316) 755-1243

Admission: Adults \$10.50; Children 6-12 \$5.50; 5 and under free

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What: Battling Dinosaur

Exhibit. See Albertasaurus and Thescelosaurus battling in the museum's dinosaur display area.

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday March 1-31

Where: 835 E. First St., Museum of World Treasures

Phone: (316) 263-1311

Admission: Adults \$9.90;

Seniors \$6.90; Youth \$5.90

Leavenworth:

What: Third annual Taste of Leavenworth. Samples of finest local foods and beverages; auction featuring merchandise, gift baskets, gift certificates, antiques and surprises; variety of musical entertainment; door prizes, displays by local artisans.

When: 5:30 p.m. Feb. 26

Where: Riverfront Community Center, 123 S. Esplanade

Phone: (785) 682-3050

Cost: \$25 in advance, \$30 at door, adults only

Lawrence:

What: "Carmen." Teatro Lirico D'Europa in Bizet's Carmen, one of the best known and most popular of all operas due to its powerful love story, its free-spirited heroine, and its passionate, lyrical music.

When: 7:30 p.m. Feb. 26

Where: 1600 Stewart Drive, Lied Center of Kansas

Phone: (785) 864-2787

Admission: Varies

Yoder:

What: Parade of Quilts. Browse among dozens of hand-crafted quilts of every pattern and color in this unique Amish community.

When: Monday through Saturday, March 1-31

Where: Participating merchants

Phone: (620) 465-3613

Admission: None

Lawrence:

What: Antique show and sale.

When: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. March 4-5; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. March 6

Where: 21st and Harper, Douglas County Fairgrounds

Phone: (785) 843-6219

Admission: Varies

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What: PhilAdanco presents highly skilled dancers who emphasize innovative works by American choreographers, generating great audience appeal and winning unanimous critical praise.

When: 7:30 p.m. March 4

Where: 1600 Stewart Drive, Lied Center of Kansas

Phone: (785) 864-2787

Admission: Varies

Emporia:

What: St. David's Concert and Tea. A celebration of Welsh heritage honoring the Patron Saint of Wales with a concert and traditional tea serving Bara Brith.

When: 2:30 p.m. March 6

Where: 1702 W. 15th Avenue, Westminster Presbyterian Church

Phone: (620) 256-6687 or toll free (800) 279-3730

Admission: Free

Kansas City:

What: Lithuanian Heritage Month exhibit. Exhibit of costumes, wood carvings, musical instruments, history, and other items.

When: Saturday and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. March 7-29

Where: 720 N. Fourth St., Strawberry Hill Museum and Cultural Center

Phone: (913) 371-3264

Admission: \$5

Wilmore:

What: Wilmore Opry. Fast-paced show in a relaxed atmosphere with lots of laughter. Variety of songs, comedy, and great talent. First Saturday each month.

When: 6 to 8: 15 p.m. through Dec. 3

Where: Railroad Avenue, Wilmore Community Center

Phone: (620) 582-2606

Admission: Free

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